GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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BIO DIESEL UNITS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank team has visited bio-diesel production units in Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the details alongwith its outcome thereof;

(c) whether the Government has decided to go in for blending of bio-diesel with diesel in all the vehicles in the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI MURALI DEORA)

(a) & (b): Ministry of Rural Development, the nodal Ministry for bio-diesel production in the country, has informed that it has neither coordinated nor involved in any visit of World Bank team to bio-diesel production units in Tamil Nadu.

(c) & (d): In order to promote the use of Bio-diesel, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has announced a Bio-Diesel Purchase Policy with effect from 1.1.2006. As per the policy, Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) shall purchase Bio-diesel for blending with High Speed Diesel (HSD) to the extent of 5% at 20 identified purchase centres across the country. OMCs have conducted field trials on buses and locomotive diesel engines which were run on diesel blended with bio-diesel.